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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 24 and insert the following:

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The following primers were used to target 16S and 23S RNA (each primer is 5 :M
in the RT primer mix):

- 16S1514 5'-CCTACGGTTACCTTGTT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)
16S889 5'-TTAACCTTGCAGGCCGTACTC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)
16S541 5'-TCGATTAACGCTTGCACCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 3)
23S2878 5'-CCTCACGGTTCAATTAGT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 4)
23SEco2064 5'-CTATAGTAAAGGTTCACGGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 5)
23SEco1519 5'-TCGTCATCACGCCCTCAGCCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 6)
23S1012 5'-TCCCACATCGTTCCCAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 7)
23S539 5'-CCATTATAACAAAAGGTAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 8)

The RNA/RT primer mix/DI H₂O mixture was heated to 70°C for 5 minutes and
then transferred to 4°C.